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1. A/RDO AND GATES MET WITH ANTOINE DAKOURE, MINISTRE
COORDINATEUR DU CILSS, MORNING MAY 8. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON
CONTENTS REFTELS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LEADING TO CURRENT
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CONFUSION. DAKOURE MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE MATERIALS

PRESENTED TO HIM BY CDO/OUAGA WHICH WAS IN TURN DISSEMINATED TO OTHER CILSS MEMBER STATES. THESE DOCUMENTS, EVIDENTLY A TRANSLATED VERSION OF THE JAN 75 PRP, WERE CONSTRUED BY CILSS MEMBERS AS AN QUOTE AID PROJECT UNQUOTE IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH THE WMO PROJECT. (REF B) FYI: RDO/NIAMEY NOT CERTAIN CONTENTS ABOVE REFERENCED DOCUMENTS, BUT DAKOURE PROMISED COPY.

2. RDO EXPLAINED NATURE OF PRP IN TERMS IT BEING AN AID PLANNING DOCUMENT, NORMALLY USED INTERNALLY, THAT THE PRP IS A STEP IN THE AID BUDGETARY PROCESS AND AT THIS POINT IS THE VEHICLE UNDER WHICH THE NOAA TEAM IS FUNDED.

3. THE TWO OBJECTIVES OF THE NOAA TEAM AS STATED IN PARA 3 REFTEL AND PHASE I OF THE PRP WERE EMPHASIZED. EXPLAINED THE NECESSITY THIS TYPE REVIEW FOR AID DECISION-MAKING PURPOSES AND FOR PURPOSE OF DECIDING WHERE AID RESOURCES CAN BEST BE UTILIZED.

4. ALSO DISCUSSED DIFFICULTIES OF COORDINATING AN UNDERTAKING LIKE THIS AND HIGHLIGHTED THIS PART OF DISCUSSION BY POINTING OUT THAT IN SPITE OF APPARENT UNDP/NY AND AID/W DISCUSSIONS/ AGREEMENT NOA APPROACH, UNDP RES REP NIAMEY AND GON STILL UNDER IMPRESSION TEAM VISIT IN SOME WAY DUPLICATIVE AND POTENTIALLY DAMAGING TO THEIR AND CILSS EFFORTS TO GAIN DONOR SUPPORT.

5. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH DAKOURE REQUESTING RDO SENDING NOTE TO HIM TO THE EFFECT PARA 3 ABOVE AND GATES MAKING A SIMILAR STATEMENT AT SESSION TO BE HELD 9 MAY. RDO AND GATES AGREED AND INTEND PARAPHRASING BACKGROUND QUOTING OBJECTIVES CONTAINED REFTEL. DAKOURE FULLY SATISFIED BY THIS DISCUSSION, AND WE HOPE RESREP AND GON WILL ALSO BE SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED.

6. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL FOR AID/W ASK UNDP/NY NOTIFY UNDP/NIAMEY RES REP THEIR DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJEC WITH AID REP LONG AND THEIR FULL AGREEMENT WITH NOAA TEAM APPROACH. WE TRYING OUR BEST HERE TO COUNTERACT WIDESPREAD BELIEF INCLUDING HIGHEST LEVELS OF GON THAT USG AGAINST CILSS EFFORTS.

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7. IN FUTURE TO AVOID SIMILAR SITUATIONS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TARGET MISSIONS BE KEPT BETTER INFORMED AND GIVEN MORE TIMELY BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE AID/W INITIATED PROJECTS.BUCHE

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